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SUBJ: PARTY QUEBECOIS MEDIA POLICY

1. MONTREAL STAR AND LA PRESSE FEB. 11 REPORT PARTI QUEBECOIS
OFFICIAL PUBLICLY DECLARED ALL NEWS MEDIA IN PROVINCE SHOULD BE
OWNED BY QUEBECKERS.

2. SPEAKER WAS PIERRE DE BELLEFEUILLE, LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT
TO CULTURAL AFFAIRS MINISTER LOUIS O'NEILL BEFORE WOMEN'S
PRESS CLUB OF MONTREAL AUDIENCE FEB. 10.

3. QUOTED SAYING WHILE QUEBEC CONTROL OF TV AND RADIO STATIONS
WOULD NOT BE TOO DIFFICULT ACHIEVE, WRITTEN PRESS MORE "COMPLEX"
PROBLEM. MONTREAL STAR REPORTS: "IT WAS APPARENT FROM HIS
COMMENTS THAT THE PQ GOVERNMENT IS STILL UNCERTAIN ABOUT HOW
IT WILL DEAL WITH QUEBEC NEWSPAPERS OWNED BY CANADIAN CHAINS."

4. DE BELLEFEUILLE FURTHER QUOTED THAT ENGLISH MEDIA IN
QUEBEC HAVE TRADITIONALLY BEEN THE "EXPRESSION AND SUPPORT" OF
ENGLISH ECONOMIC POWER IN PROVINCE.

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5. ASKED ABOUT CBC, HE REPLIED, ACCORDING TO STAR & RADIO
REPORTS: "IN A SOVEREIGN QUEBEC THERE WOULD BE NO CBC. IN A
SHARING OF ASSETS, WE WOULD HOPE TO ACQUIRE ALL ITS INSTALLATIONS
IN QUEBEC AND HAVE THEM RUN BY AN AGENCY LIKE RADIO-QUEBEC, OR
A GROUP OF AGENCIES."
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